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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PRC

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1. MARCH 16 CHINA POST, LIEN HO PAO, CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO, AND CHINA NEWS CARRIED FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM AMMAN REPORTING THAT KING HUSSEIN, AFTER RETURNING TO JORDAN FROM JAPAN, WILL FORMALLY ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PRC.

2. BOTH MOFA AND THE LOCAL JORDANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE PRO-FESS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. MOFA VICE MINISTER KUAN YUNG, IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT REPORTING FROM THE ROC EMBASSY IN AMMAN HAD GIVEN NO INDICA-TION THAT JORDAN PLANS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

3. IN A RESPONSE TO A QUERY BY ALUSNA, THE JORDANIAN MILI-TARY ATTACHE (WHO HAS ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED) EXPRESSED SUR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRISE AT THE NEWS REPORT, CLAIMED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF IT,

AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH HIS AMBASSADOR. LATER HE TELEPHONED ALUSNA TO SAY THAT HE PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE IN APRIL 6-9 FOREIGN MILITARY GROUP TRIP SPONSORED BY THE ROC MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, IMPLYING THAT HE EXPECTED NO CHANGE IN ROC/JORDANIAN RELATIONS BEFORE THEN. ALUSNA ALSO NOTES THAT THE FORMER JORDANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE DEPARTED TAIPEI ON MARCH 15 AND THAT THERE WAS NO HINT OF ANY CHANGE IN JORDAN/ROC RELATIONS DURING HIS AIRPORT SEND-OFF, AT WHICH A NUMBER OF SENIOR GROC MILITARY OFFICERS WERE PRESENT.

4. COMMENT: ROC/JORDANIAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AREAS AS WELL AS BY FREQUENT HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, A JORDANIAN DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AT THE EXPENSE OF CONTINUED RELATIONS WITH THE ROC WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE GROC AS A SERIOUS SETBACK IN ITS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.
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